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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Division proposes to amend its regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E, ss. 7 and 12 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A. The Division describes the substance of the proposed actions as amendments to regulations found at 130 CMR 410.000. These regulations describe MassHealth provider eligibility and service coverage requirements for acute outpatient hospitals (AOH) and chronic disease and rehabilitation hospitals (COH). The proposed amendments update definitions and clarify provider participation requirements as they apply to AOH or COH providers, respectively; streamline the regulations by referring to other MassHealth regulations or provisions for applicable rules governing certain services; clarify certain requirements for outpatient hospitals that provide mental health services to more accurately reflect current MassHealth practices, to describe requirements for ordering psychological testing, and simplify program requirements and administration; and make other updates to increase clarity, remove obsolete provisions and utilize current terminology.

It is anticipated that these amendments will not go into effect before December 16, 2016.

All persons desiring to submit data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed actions may submit them in writing to the Assistant Secretary for MassHealth, EOHHS, One Ashburton Place, Room 1109, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, or e-mail them to masshealthpublicnotice@state.ma.us. E-mailed comments should contain the sender's name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Comments will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on November 11, 2016.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/masshealth/proposedregs or request a copy in writing or in person from the MassHealth Publications Unit, 100 Hancock Street, 6th Floor, Quincy, Massachusetts 02171.

The Division may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to the Division's attention.

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